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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR ATTACHE TITLES AND DIPLOMATIC PASSPORTS

1. THE AMERICAN MISSION IN ABIDJAN CURRENTLY CONSISTS OF 79 AMERICAN POSITIONS, ONLY 29 OF WHICH ARE "RECOGNIZED" BY THE GOVERNMENT OF THE IVORY COAST AND ARE CARRIED ON THE IVORIAN DIPLOMATIC LIST.
2. THE GOIC PERMITS DUTY-FREE ENTRY ONLY TO THOSE DIPLOMATIC OFFICERS WHO A) HAVE DIPLOMATIC PASSPORTS AND B) WHOSE AMES ARE CARRIED ON THE IVORIAN DIPLOMATIC LIST. ALL OTHER OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES ARE ONLY GRANTED DUTY-FREE ENTRY ON THEIR INITIAL SHIPMENT, WHICH IS NOT SUPPOSED TO INCLUDE CONSUMABLES. THE IVORY COAST ALSO LIMITS DUTY-FREE GASOLINE TO 300 LITERS PER MONTH FOR RECOGNIZED DIPLOMATIC PERSONNEL.
3. THE MISSION HAS FOR SOME YEARS EMPLOYED AN INTERNAL POOLING SYSTEM WHEREBY ALL IMPORTS OF CONSUMABLES HAVE BEEN ORDERED IN THE NAME OF THE AMBASSADOR AND HAVE BEEN SHARED BY THE DIPLOMATIC AND NONDIPLOMATIC STAFF. THE MISSION ALSO HAS AN INFORMAL SYSTEM BY WHICH THE DIPLOMATIC OFFICERS' GASOLINE RATION IS SHARED WITH THE NONDIPLOMATIC STAFF.
4. THE INCREASE OF THE MISSION BY SOME SEVEN AMERICAN POSITIONS IN RECENT MONTHS HAS OVERLOADED THE NONDIPLOMATIC PORTION OF THE MISSION STAFF WITH THE RESULT THAT OUR INFORMAL SYSTEM OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SHARING OF PRIVILEGES THREATENS TO BREAK DOWN. THREE ADDITIONAL

AMERICANS ARE EXPECTED IN REDSO IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

5. THEREFORE, FOR THE SAKE OF THE WELFARE OF ALL EMPLOYEES OF THE MISSION, WE REQUEST ADDITIONAL ATTACHE TITLES AND DIPLOMATIC PASSPORTS FOR THE FOLLOWING SEVEN NONDIPLOMATIC OFFICERS OF THE MISSION:

A. FROM THE REDSO STAFF:

R-2 EMIL H. DOERR, REGIONAL SUPPLY MANAGEMENT OFFICER

R-2 IRVING ROSENTHAL, DEPUTY DIRECTOR

R-2 JAMES PHOPPARD, REGIONAL LEGAL ADVISOR

R-3 WILLIAM BARON, CHIEF ENGINEER

B. FROM STATE DEPARTMENT STAFF (ALREADY HAVE DIPLOMATIC PASSPORTS):

FSSO-5 ELIZABETH F. SUTTON, REGIONAL BUDGET AND FISCAL OFFICER

FSSO-5 TILLIE MILANICH, REGIONAL BUDGET AND FISCAL OFFICER

FSSO-6 LYNN W. CURTAIN, C AND R OFFICER

6. THE ABOVE NAMED QUALIFIED BY REASON OF THEIR RANK AND/OR FUNCTION TO HAVE DIPLOMATIC PASSPORTS AND ATTACHE TITLES, BUT THIS REQUEST IS BASED ON THE NEEDS OF THE MISSION NOT ON THE DESIRES OF THE ABOVE-NAMED EMPLOYEES.

7. PLEASE ADVISE.

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